

### REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested information that establishes the meaning and the enablement of the Alert Standard Format standard as it was known by the Applicant at the time the invention was made. Applicant notes that the relevant features of the Alert Standard Format are described in the Overview section 4.10.1 on page 110 of the AMD-90001 Zorak IO Hub Data Sheet, included herein.

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, claims 1-8, 10, 12-17, and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lindsay (U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0028633). Claims 8-9 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Lindsay in view of alleged industry standard computer architectural features as evidenced by Hobson (U.S. Patent No. 6,360,327). Claims 11 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Lindsay in view of alleged industry standard microcontroller usage as evidenced by Schwarz (U.S. Patent No. 4,910,732). Claims 22-23 and 26-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Lindsay with alleged inherent features as evidenced by Lindsay (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0194415) in view of alleged industry standard architectural practices as evidenced by Cromer (U.S. Patent No. 6,282,642). Claims 25 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Lindsay in view of Cromer.

Submitted herewith is a supplemental declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 of named inventor, Dale E. Gulick, which recites facts that establish that the Lindsay patent is not prior art to the present application. More particularly, the supplemental declaration establishes that, prior to April 24, 2001, the effective filing date of the Lindsay patent application, the invention disclosed in the pending application was conceived and reduced to practice. Accordingly, the

Lindsay patent application is not prior art to the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejections be withdrawn.

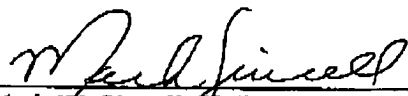
In the Office Action, claims 24 and 28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that these claims contained allowable subject matter. In view of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the respective independent claims for claims 24 and 28 are allowable and, on this basis, requests that the Examiner's objections be withdrawn.

For the aforementioned reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at (713) 934-4052 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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